

Research Teams have been constituted.

The Expert Committee has already started its work. The scientific data / information on the health, nutrition, natural resources and culture and the behaviour of the Jarawas is being collected by the research teams. The teams have completed their first phase of survey in December 2001 to January 2002. ~~Such information is scheduled to be collected during the ensuing summer season and also the monsoon period.~~ The Committee is expected to give its recommendations shortly.

The scientific data so collected will be analyzed by the high level experts in the respective fields and the Committee constituted by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs will submit a report on the basis of the scientific findings and also suggest certain measures for the welfare of the Jarawas. As such, we hope that issues and problems relating to the Jarawas would be settled in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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